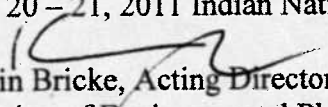


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REGION 2

DATE: APR 12 2011

SUBJECT: July 20 - 21, 2011 Indian Nation Leaders Meeting

FROM:  Kevin Bricke, Acting Director
Division of Environmental Planning and Protection

TO: Division Directors
Regional Counsel

The purpose of this memo is to begin our planning for the next annual Indian Nation Leaders Meeting (INLM) which is scheduled for July 19 - 21, 2011. This year's meeting will be hosted by the Seneca Nation of Indians (SNI) and will be held at the Nation's new Administration Building on the Allegany Territory, Salamanca, NY.

The structure for the Indian Nation Leaders Meeting will be similar as in previous years. Day 1 (July 19th) will be for the Indian Nations located in the Region 2 area to meet together without EPA to discuss issues within their programs and serve as a forum for topics that Indian Nations might recommend. Day 2 (July 20th) will be the sequential government-to-government issue-specific consultation meetings with individual Indian Nations (or groups of Indian Nations if they choose to meet together as a group). Our Indian Program Team (IPT) has started to solicit discussion topics from the Indian Nations for the July 20th sessions. Day 3 (July 21) will feature a meeting with the Regional Administrator and the EPA Senior Managers and will focus on issues of general importance and application to all Indian Nations.

We are expecting the participation of the new Director of EPA's American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO), Ms. Joann Chase. We have also received tentative confirmation of the participation of Ms. Carolyn Loomis Hoskinson, Director, OSWER - Office of Underground Storage Tank Programs. We have yet to determine whether senior management of the NYSDEC will be invited to participate at the meeting. Regarding Indian Nation participation, we have received confirmation that President Robert "Odawi" Porter of the Seneca Nation of Indians as well as other members of the SNI Council will be in attendance. We are also expecting the participation of leadership from several of the area Indian Nations, including, for the very first time, the Shinnecock Indian Nation.

Directors need only participate on July 20 - 21 if there are specific agenda topic(s) that fall under their purview. Please provide background on issues you are aware of that may be raised by May 13th. We will compile a briefing package based on your input.

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In a related matter, please note that the most recent copy of the Indian Nation Action Item Database Tracking Report will be provided to you shortly; with your updates the report will be updated one more time immediately before the July Indian Nation leaders meeting.

A briefing for Judith Enck and George Pavlou will be scheduled for late May or early June. DEPP will provide an overview of the agenda. Each of the Division Directors will then be provided a brief opportunity to highlight for Judith and George matters that fall under his or her purview, including: 1) status of actions from last year's meetings, 2) the issues on the agenda, and 3) other issues that may be raised at the meeting.

If you have any questions, please let me know or have your staff contact Grant Jonathan at (212) 637-3843 or Janice Whitney at (212) 637-3790.

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